

Atty. Dkt. No. 085874-0136

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the application in order to consider the above amendments. These have been made to improve the consistency of terminology used in the specification and in the claims. A detailed explanation follows.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

The amendment to page 3 of the specification simply corrects the terminology used by substituting "vibration exciting system" for "vibration exciter" so as to be consistent with the language and context of the surrounding paragraphs of the "Disclosure of Invention" section. The revised paragraph now recites a relationship between the *vibration exciting system* and nodal lines in the panel-form member. This is fully supported at least by the passage on page 5, lines 9-19 of the original disclosure, which describes a method that involves, *inter alia*, "arranging a *vibration exciting system* on the panel-form member to apply bending wave energy thereto, with the *exciting system* spanning a plurality of the nodal lines...." *Id.*, at lines 14-17 (emphasis added).

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Independent claim 34 corrects terminology so as to eliminate ostensible internal inconsistencies, i.e., formerly there seemed to be no express antecedent basis for "the vibration exciter" on lines 4 and 10. That phrase has been replaced with "the vibration exciting system," which has antecedent basis on line 3. Similar amendments have been made in dependent claims 37, 38 and 39. The amended claims are fully supported at least by the passage on page 3, lines 13-17 of the original disclosure.

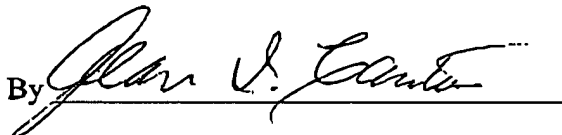
CONCLUSION

The amendments do not alter the scope of the claims in any significant way, so they remain patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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